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[REDACTED]**Date:** 01/19/2018b6
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b7E**CC:** [REDACTED]**From:** ANKARA

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Contact: [REDACTED]**Approved By:** LEGAT [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 80-AA-A2244558 (U//~~FOUO~~) Relations with US Consulate
Istanbul**Synopsis:** (U//~~FOUO~~) Correspondence from [REDACTED]b6
b7C**Reference:** 80-AA-C43 Serial 6035**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) Email from [REDACTED]
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Email from [REDACTED]

Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) For background, on 09/22/2017, A/ALAT [REDACTED] assigned to the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, was advised of the murder of American Citizen (AMCIT) Halla Barakat (Halla). The

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bodies of Halla and her mother, Orouba Barakat (Orouba), were discovered in their apartment by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) A relative of Barakat, [REDACTED] subsequently reached out to ALAT [REDACTED] and has continued to send him email, and has now begun emailing the writer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] however, on 9/30/2017, the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrested of [REDACTED] for the murder of both Halla Barakat (Halla) and her mother Orouba Barakat (Orouba). [REDACTED] was located and arrested in the city of Bursa, about 55 miles south of Istanbul.

(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED] to Halla and Orouba. Please see the referenced serial for additional information.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On November 20, 2017 [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED] sent the writer email on 12/7/2017, providing background on the case, and updates that she believed were relevant. On November 29, 2017, several news outlets indicated that the FBI was investigating the murder of Halla Barakat. CAIR has also called on the FBI to investigate the killings. An article in "The New Arab" quotes North Carolina Senator Thom Tillis, and indicates he called on the US government to remain active in the investigation.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On January 16, 2018, [REDACTED] again reached out to the writer, requesting updates and increased communications (attached). The writer has not yet responded to any emails from [REDACTED] In addition [REDACTED] has been meeting with journalist [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who she indicated has "taken on" this story, and [REDACTED] subsequently put [REDACTED] in direct email contact with the writer. [REDACTED] reached out directly to the writer in an email, also attached.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) There is no FBI case regarding the murder of Halla Barakat.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There is no action that ALAT Istanbul can take at this point. Any further action should come from FBI HQ and LEGAT Ankara.

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CC: [REDACTED]

From: ANKARA

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Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: LEGAT [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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IstanbulSynopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Correspondence from [REDACTED]~~Reason: 1.4(b)~~~~Derived From: Multiple
Sources~~~~Declassify On: 20431231~~Reference: 80-AA-C43 Serial 6035
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Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) document from reporter

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assigned to the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, was advised of~~SECRET//NOFORN~~CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG [REDACTED]
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Re: 80-AA-A2244558, 05/30/2018

the murder of American Citizen (AMCIT) Halla Barakat (Halla). The bodies of Halla and her mother, Orouba Barakat (Orouba), were discovered in their apartment [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED] He was subsequently tried and found guilty.

(U//~~FOUO~~) On May 29, 2018 [REDACTED] PAO, provided the writer with a document that was provided to her [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] requested this be provided to the FBI. Attached is the document provided. It comprises his theory as to what happened to the Barakat family, however, does not seem to draw any other conclusion than [REDACTED] was involved in the murder.

(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED] provides a "Hypothesis" at the end, which again, does not provide any additional information. This document is being added to the file, however, does not provide any additional information that would warrant additional investigation by the FBI.

(U) (S//~~NF~~) [REDACTED] does name some individuals who he believes had a hand in the murders, or some part of the plot, [REDACTED]
(S) [REDACTED]

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(U) (S//~~NF~~) [REDACTED] also provides the name of a US Citizen, [REDACTED] who sent a message to [REDACTED] on Facebook and provided the name of [REDACTED] as a suspicious individual. [REDACTED] is also referenced in [REDACTED]

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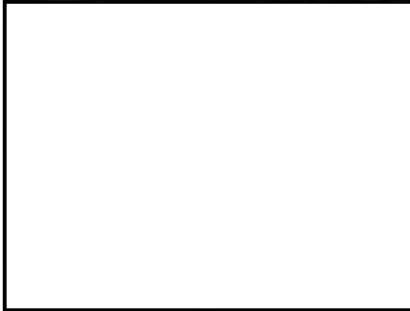
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(U//~~FOUO~~) There is no FBI case regarding the murder of Halla Barakat.

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Contact: **Approved By:** LEGAT **Drafted By:** **Case ID #:** 80-AA-A2244558 (U//~~FOUO~~) Relations with US Consulate
Istanbul**Synopsis:** (U//~~FOUO~~) Contact regarding Halla Barakat**Reference:** 80-AA-C43 Serial 6005**Details:**

On March 11, 2019, ALAT Istanbul received a Whatsap message from

Halla Barakat. reached out to PAO officer who put him in contact with ALAT Istanbul.(U//~~FOUO~~)

into the murders of Halla and Orouba Barakat, who were killed in Istanbul in September 2017. Please see referenced document for additional information.

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[redacted] and claims that his associate has evidence of such. They would like to provide it to the USG.

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[redacted] cites Halla and Orouba's speaking out against the regime as the impetus.

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